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In re application of:

D. PUTZOLU et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
ALLOWING PROPRIETARY FORWARDING
ELEMENTS TO INTEROPERATE WITH
STANDARD CONTROL ELEMENTS IN AN
OPEN ARCHITECTURE FOR NETWORK
DEVICES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002 in connection with the
above-identified application, please enter and consider the following amendment and
remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph starting at page 9, line 18 has been amended as follows:

The network services API 240 allows the horizontal open networking architecture
200 and platform to be visible to external parties, such as third-party independent